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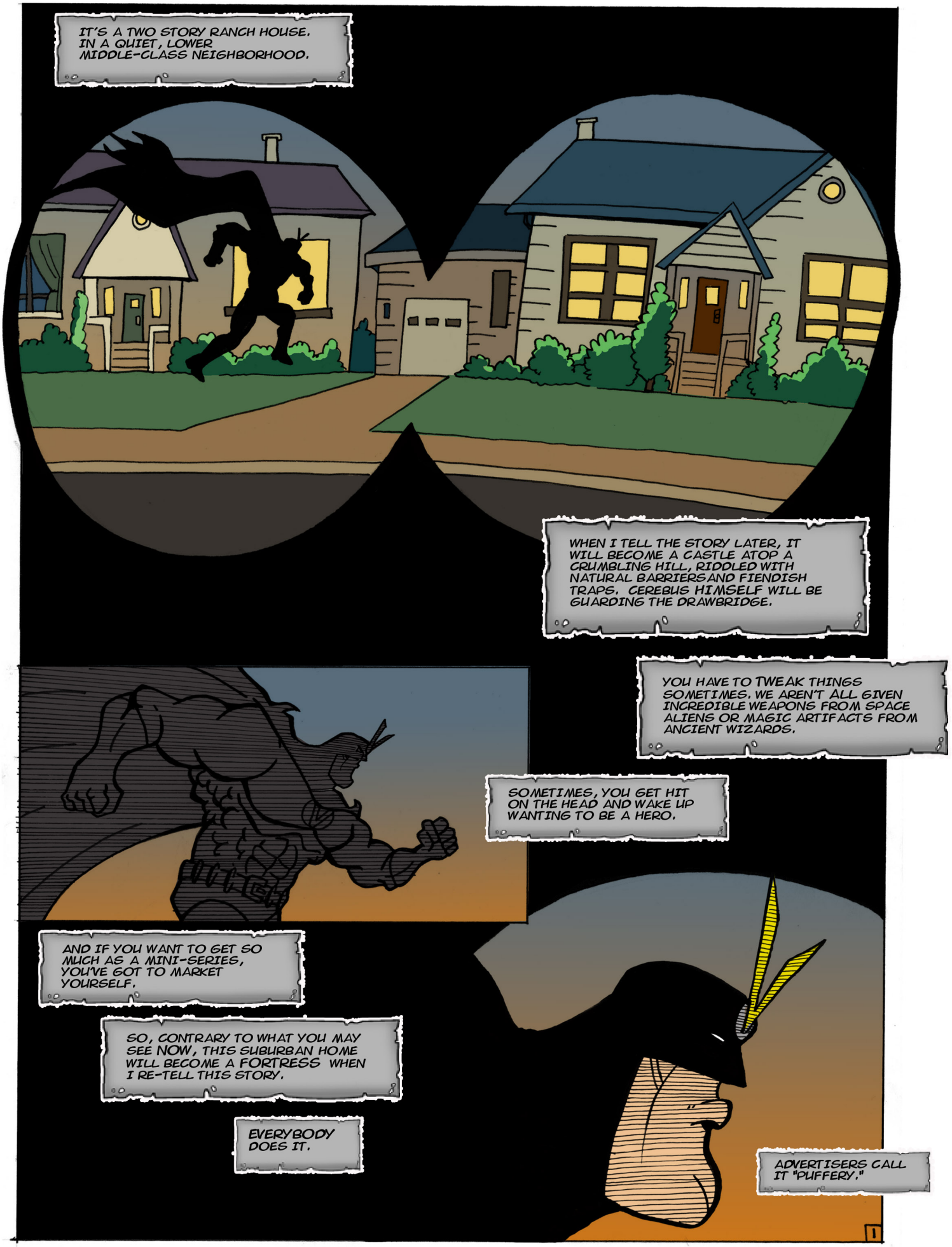
IT'S A TWO STORY RANCH HOUSE. IN A QUIET, LOWER MIDDLE-CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD.
WHEN I TELL THE STORY LATER, IT WILL BECOME A CASTLE ATOP A CRUMBLING HILL, RIDDLED WITH NATURAL BARRIERS AND FIENDISH TRAPS. CERBUS HIMSELF WILL BE GUARDING THE DRAWBRIDGE.
YOU HAVE TO TWEAK THINGS SOMETIMES. WE AREN'T ALL GIVEN INCREDIBLE WEAPONS FROM SPACE ALIENS OR MAGIC ARTIFACTS FROM ANCIENT WIZARDS.
SOMETIMES, YOU GET HIT ON THE HEAD AND WAKE UP WANTING TO BE A HERO.
AND IF YOU WANT TO GET SO MUCH AS A MINI-SERIES, YOU'VE GOT TO MARKET YOURSELF.
SO, CONTRARY TO WHAT YOU MAY SEE NOW, THIS SUBURBAN HOME WILL BECOME A FORTRESS WHEN I RE-TELL THIS STORY.
EVERYBODY DOES IT.
ADVERTISERS CALL IT "PUFFERY."

THEY AREN'T EXPECTING ME.
NO ONE EVER EXPECTS ME.
STILL... A DISTRACTION NEVER HURTS.
WAIT A SEC...
LIBRARY AFTER DARK
IS THAT...
DIAL-UP?!
SNAP!
YOU'D THINK A MAD SCIENTIST WOULD HAVE WI-FI.
WHAT THE-?
STUPID INTERNET!
DIALING....
RASAM FRASAM...
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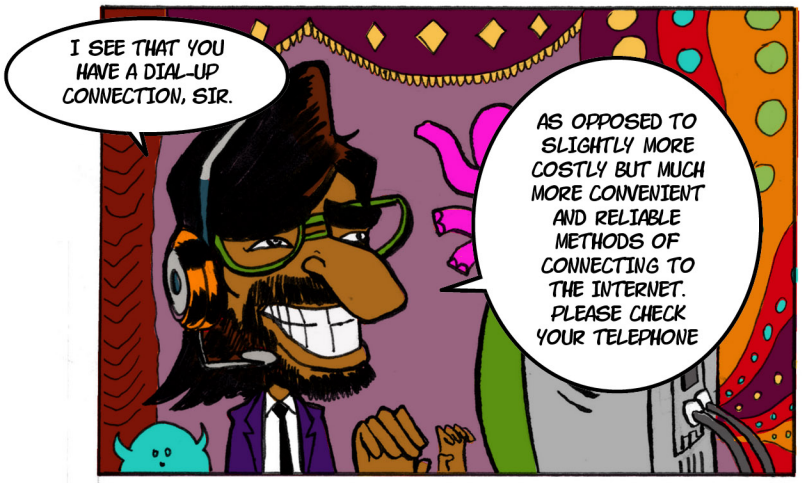
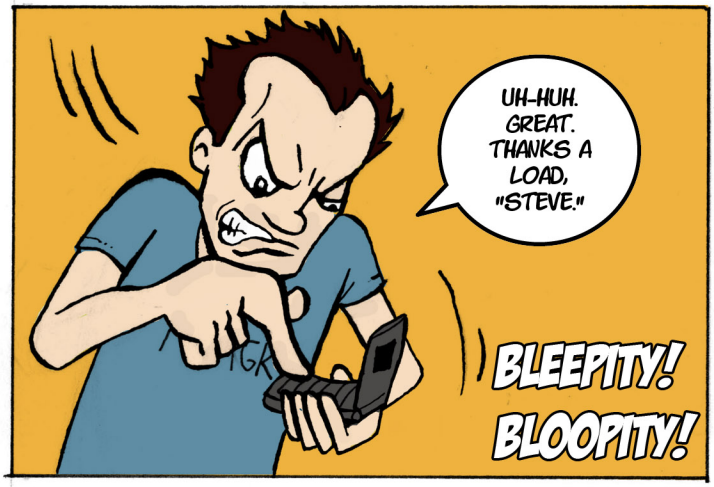
THANK YOU FOR CALLING CUSTOMER SERVICE. THIS IS "STEVE."
UH-HUH. "STEVE," IS IT?
YES, SIR. HOW MAY I HELP YOU?

WELL, "STEVE," THE NET IS DOWN.
THAT IS MOST UNFORTUNATE, SIR. DO YOU LIVE IN A NURSING HOME?
WHAT!?


I SEE THAT YOU HAVE A DIAL-UP CONNECTION, SIR.
AS OPPOSED TO SLIGHTLY MORE COSTLY BUT MUCH MORE CONVENIENT AND RELIABLE METHODS OF CONNECTING TO THE INTERNET. PLEASE CHECK YOUR TELEPHONE

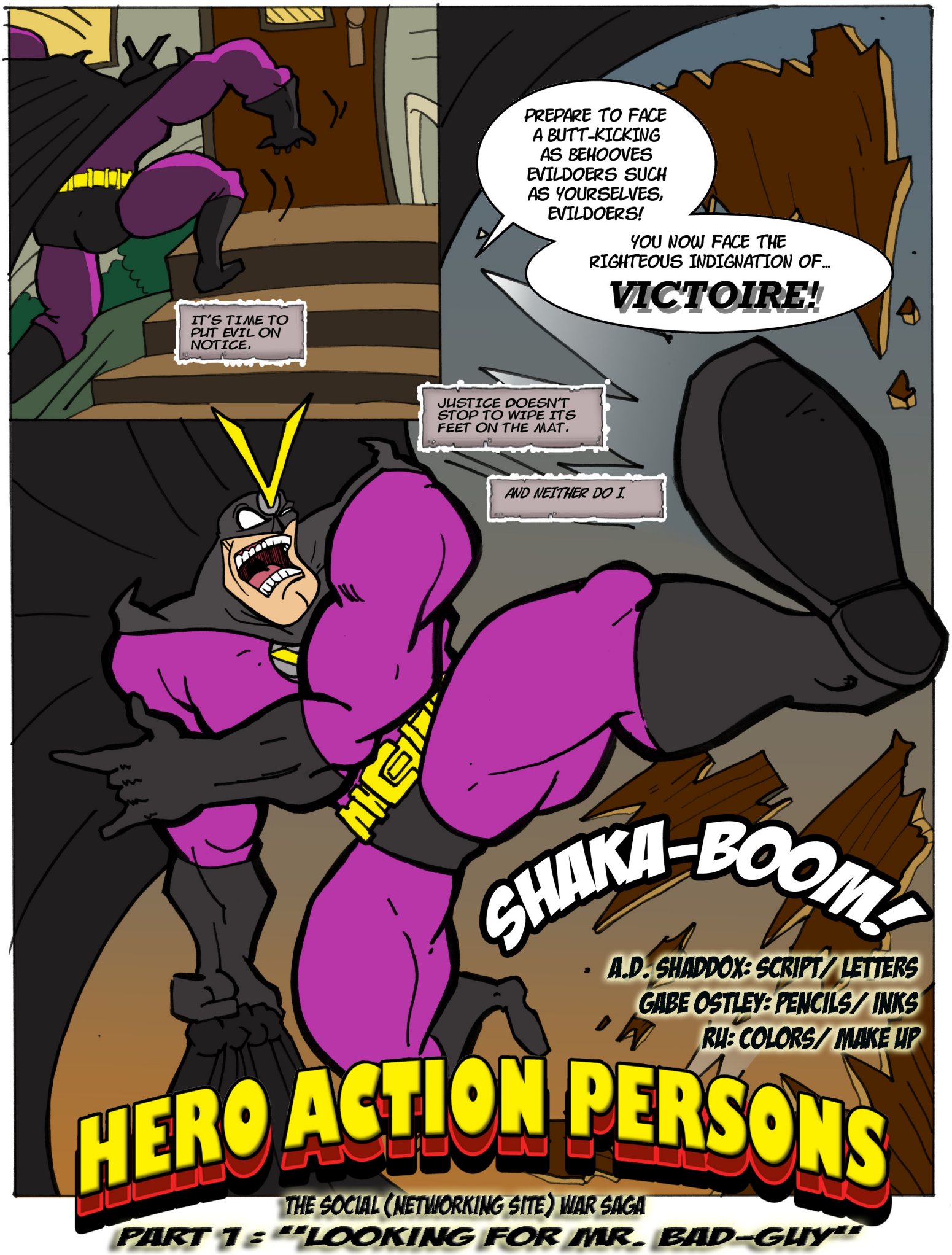
THE PHONE IS INDEED DEAD, "STEVE."
THEN YOUR GRIEVANCE IS WITH YOUR TELEPHONE SERVICE, SIR.


UH-HUH. GREAT. THANKS A LOAD, "STEVE."
BLEEPITY!
BLOOPITY!

THANK YOU FOR CALLING CUSTOMER SERVICE, THIS IS "STEVE."

ISN'T THIS THE SAME GUY I JUST TALKED TO ABOUT MY INTERNET SERVICE?!

YES, SIR! IT IS SO GOOD TO HEAR FROM YOU! HOW HAVE YOU BEEN AND HOW MAY I HELP YOU?



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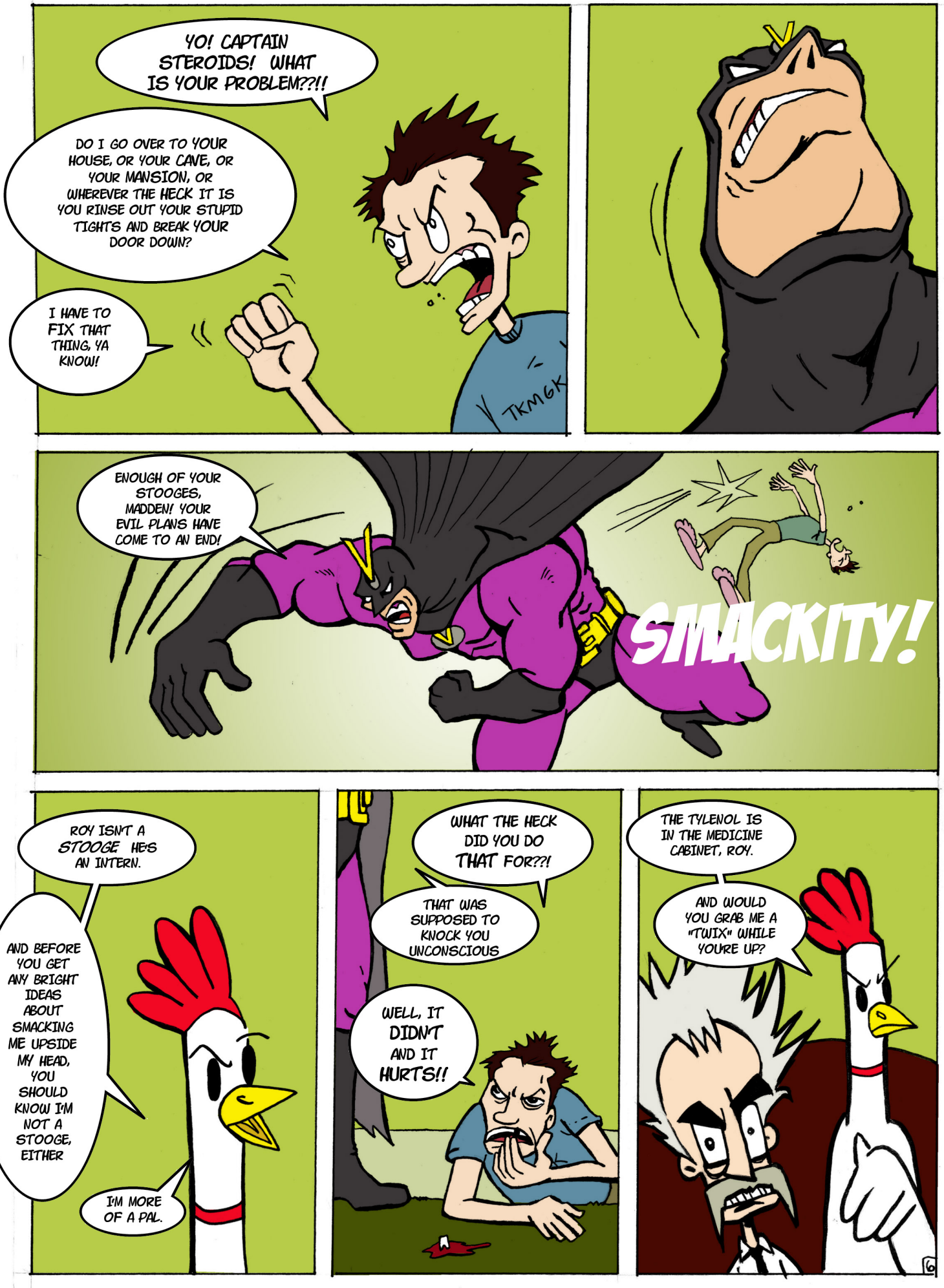
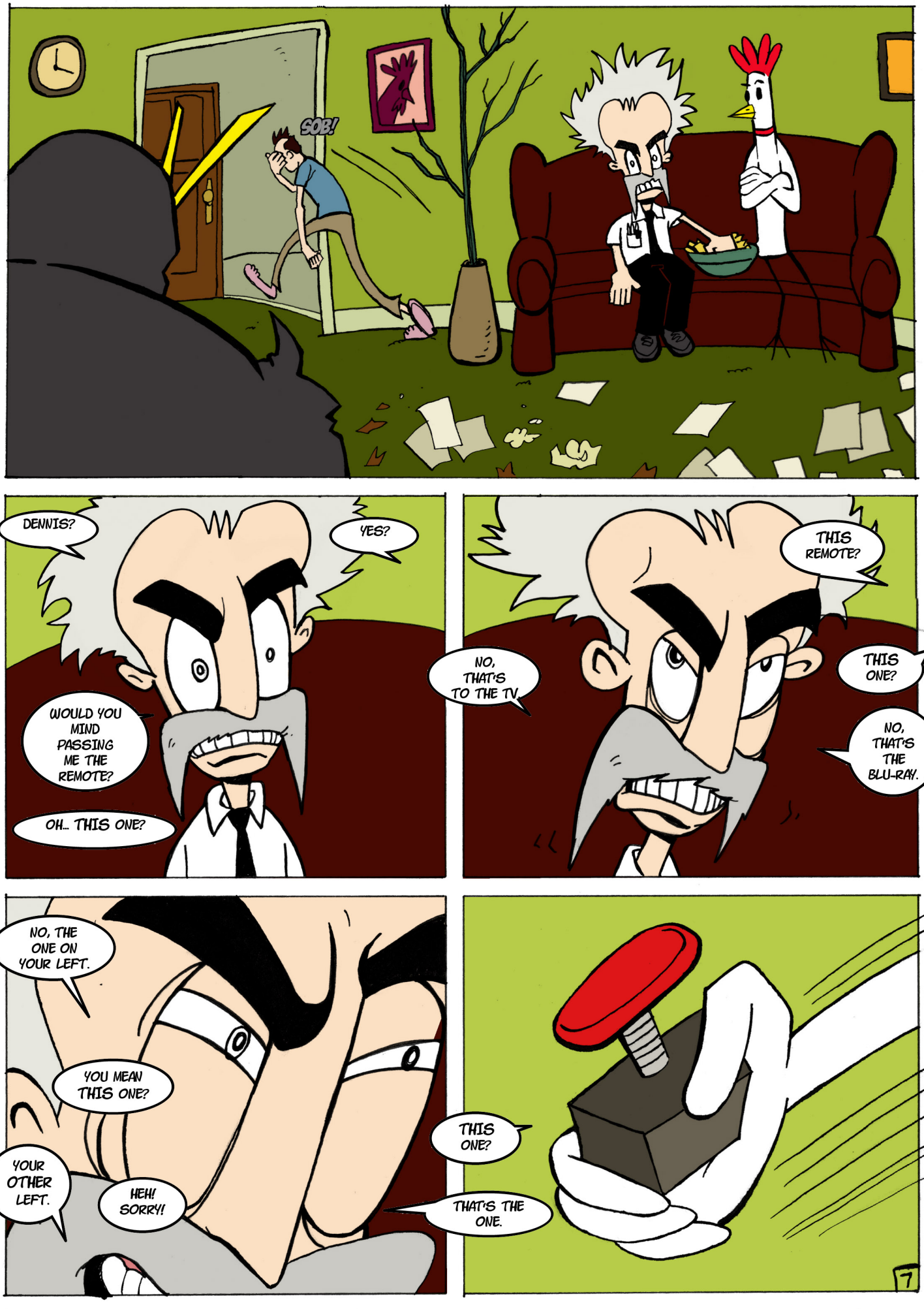
THE SOCIAL (NETWORKING SITE) WAR SAGA

PART 1: "LOOKING FOR MR. BAD-GUY"

MUNCH!
CRUNCH!
MUNCH!
CRUNCH!
HEY!!
HEY!!
NO!
NO!!!
TKMGK
YEAH, "STEVE," CAN I CALL YOU BACK? IVE GOT A THING HERE.
MOST CERTAINLY, SIR. THANK YOU FOR CALLING!
TKMGK


YO! CAPTAIN STEROIDS! WHAT IS YOUR PROBLEM??!!
DO I GO OVER TO YOUR HOUSE, OR YOUR CAVE, OR YOUR MANSION, OR WHEREVER THE HECK IT IS YOU RINSE OUT YOUR STUPID TIGHTS AND BREAK YOUR DOOR DOWN?
I HAVE TO FIX THAT THING, YA KNOW!
TKMGK
ENOUGH OF YOUR STOOGES, MADDEN! YOUR EVIL PLANS HAVE COME TO AN END!
SMACKITY!
ROY ISN'T A STOOGE HE'S AN INTERN.
AND BEFORE YOU GET ANY BRIGHT IDEAS ABOUT SMACKING ME UPSIDE MY HEAD, YOU SHOULD KNOW I'M NOT A STOOGE, EITHER
I'M MORE OF A PAL.
WHAT THE HECK DID YOU DO THAT FOR??!
THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO KNOCK YOU UNCONSCIOUS
WELL, IT DIDN'T AND IT HURTS!!
THE TYLENOL IS IN THE MEDICINE CABINET, ROY.
AND WOULD YOU GRAB ME A "TWIX" WHILE YOU'RE UP?


SOB!
DENNIS?
YES?
WOULD YOU MIND PASSING ME THE REMOTE?
OH... THIS ONE?
THIS REMOTE?
NO, THAT'S TO THE TV.
THIS ONE?
NO, THAT'S THE BLU-RAY.
NO, THE ONE ON YOUR LEFT.
YOU MEAN THIS ONE?
YOUR OTHER LEFT.
HEH! SORRY!
THIS ONE?
THAT'S THE ONE.
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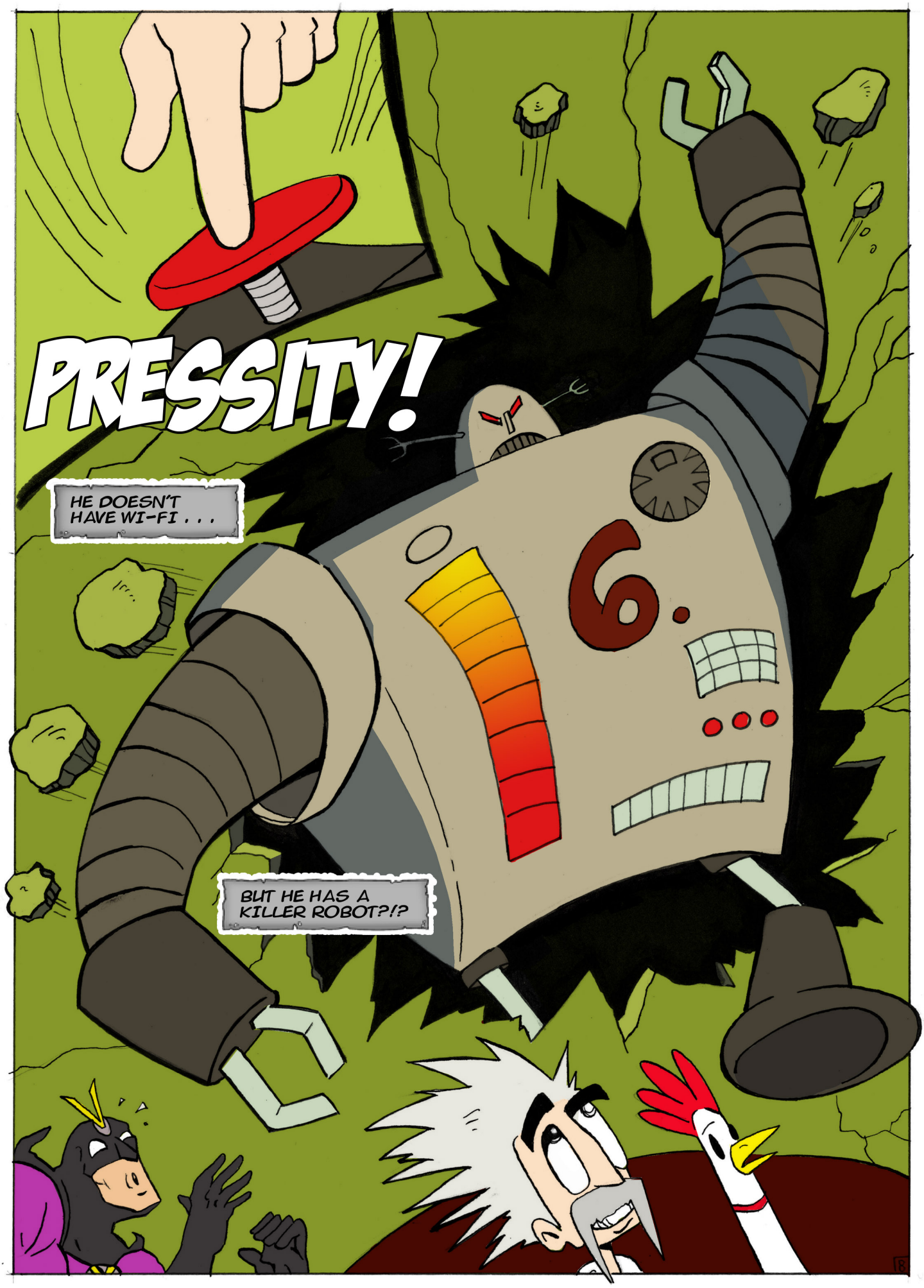
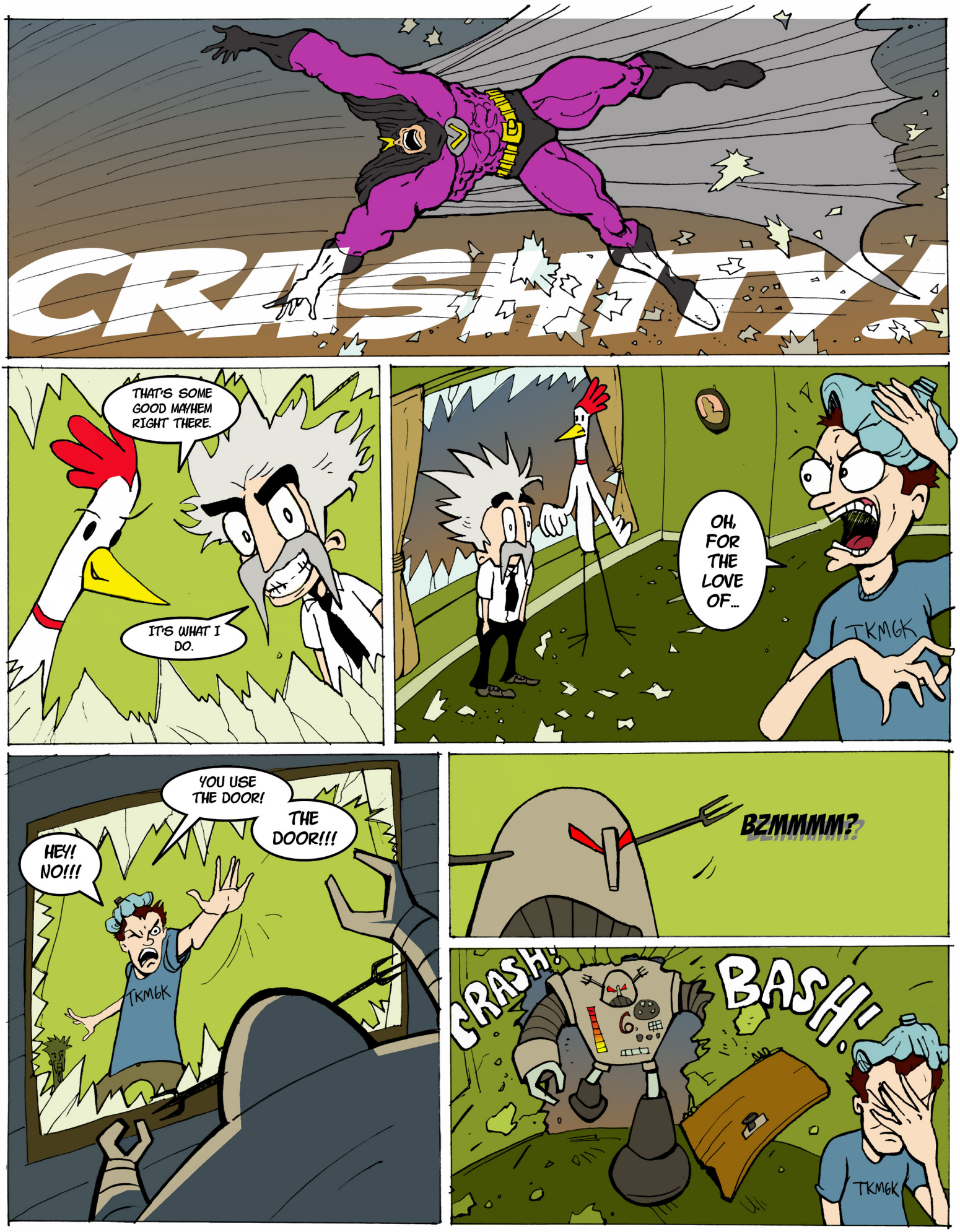
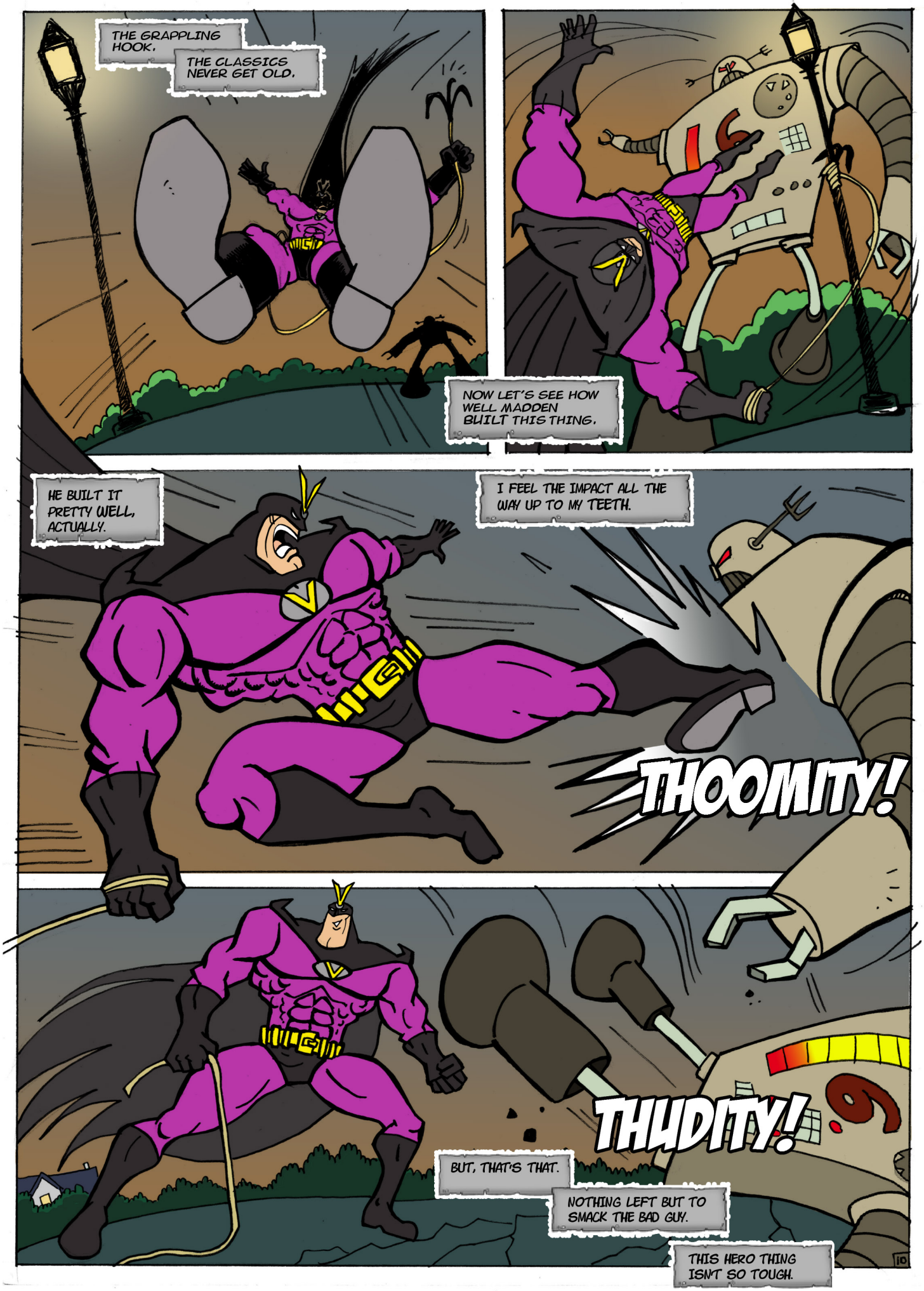

PRESSITY!
HE DOESN'T HAVE WI-FI . . .
BUT HE HAS A KILLER ROBOT?!?


CRASHITY!
THAT'S SOME GOOD MAYHEM RIGHT THERE.
IT'S WHAT I DO.
OH, FOR THE LOVE OF...
TKMGK
YOU USE THE DOOR!
THE DOOR!!!
HEY! NO!!!
TKMGK
BZMMMM?
CRASH!
BASH!
TKMGK


THE GRAPPLING HOOK.
THE CLASSICS NEVER GET OLD.
NOW LET'S SEE HOW WELL MADDEN BUILT THIS THING.
HE BUILT IT PRETTY WELL, ACTUALLY.
I FEEL THE IMPACT ALL THE WAY UP TO MY TEETH.
THOOMITY!
THUDITY!
BUT, THAT'S THAT.
NOTHING LEFT BUT TO SMACK THE BAD GUY.
THIS HERO THING ISN'T SO TOUGH.
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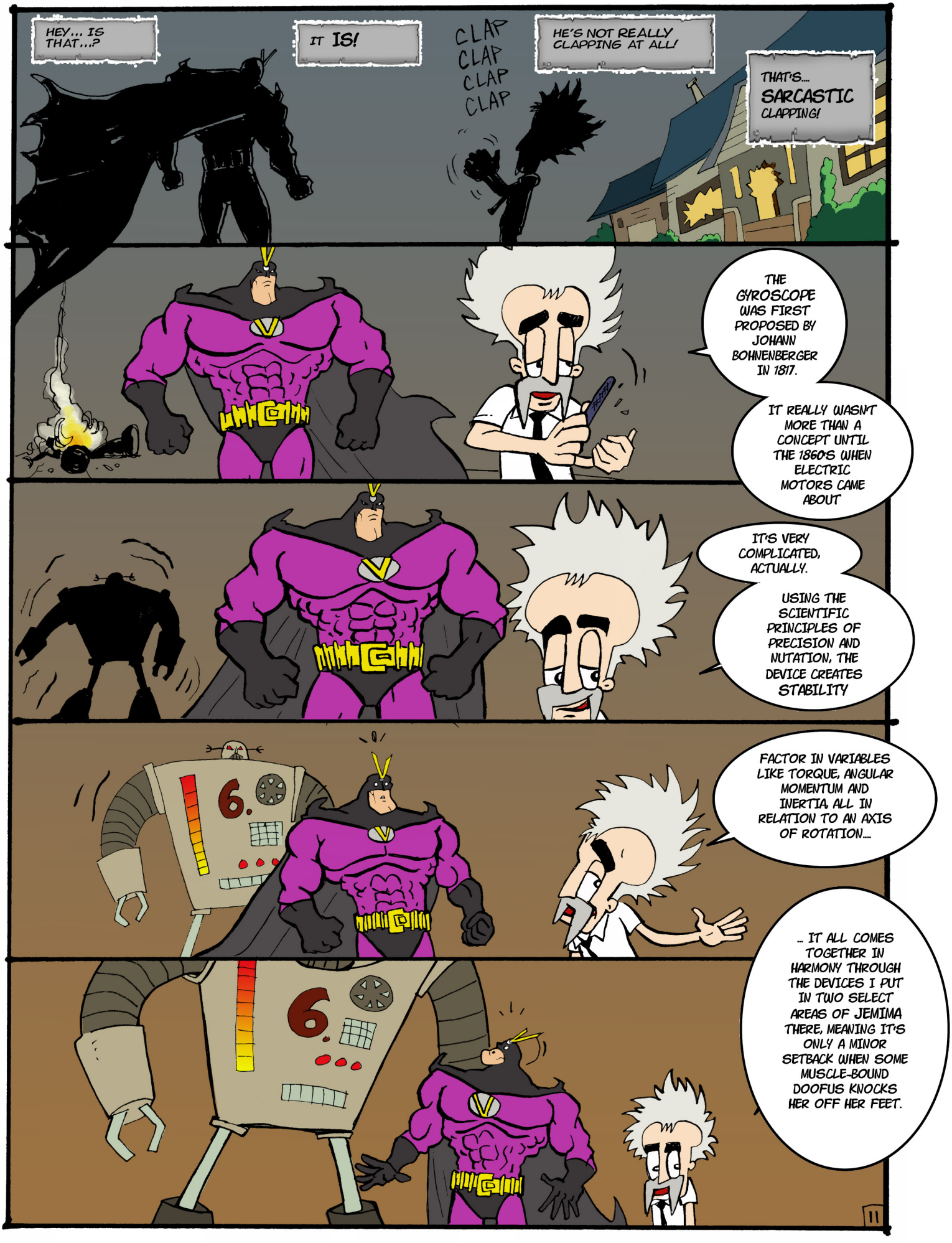
HEY... IS THAT...?
IT IS!
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
HE'S NOT REALLY CLAPPING AT ALL!
THAT'S.... SARCASTIC CLAPPING!
THE GYROSCOPE WAS FIRST PROPOSED BY JOHANN BOHNENBERGER IN 1817.
IT REALLY WASN'T MORE THAN A CONCEPT UNTIL THE 1860'S WHEN ELECTRIC MOTORS CAME ABOUT
IT'S VERY COMPLICATED, ACTUALLY.
USING THE SCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLES OF PRECISION AND NUTATION, THE DEVICE CREATES STABILITY
FACTOR IN VARIABLES LIKE TORQUE, ANGULAR MOMENTUM AND INERTIA, ALL IN RELATION TO AN AXIS OF ROTATION....
... IT ALL COMES TOGETHER IN HARMONY THROUGH THE DEVICES I PUT IN TWO SELECT AREAS OF JEMIMA THERE, MEANING IT'S ONLY A MINOR SETBACK WHEN SOME MUSCLE-BOUND DOOFUS KNOCKS HER OFF HER FEET.
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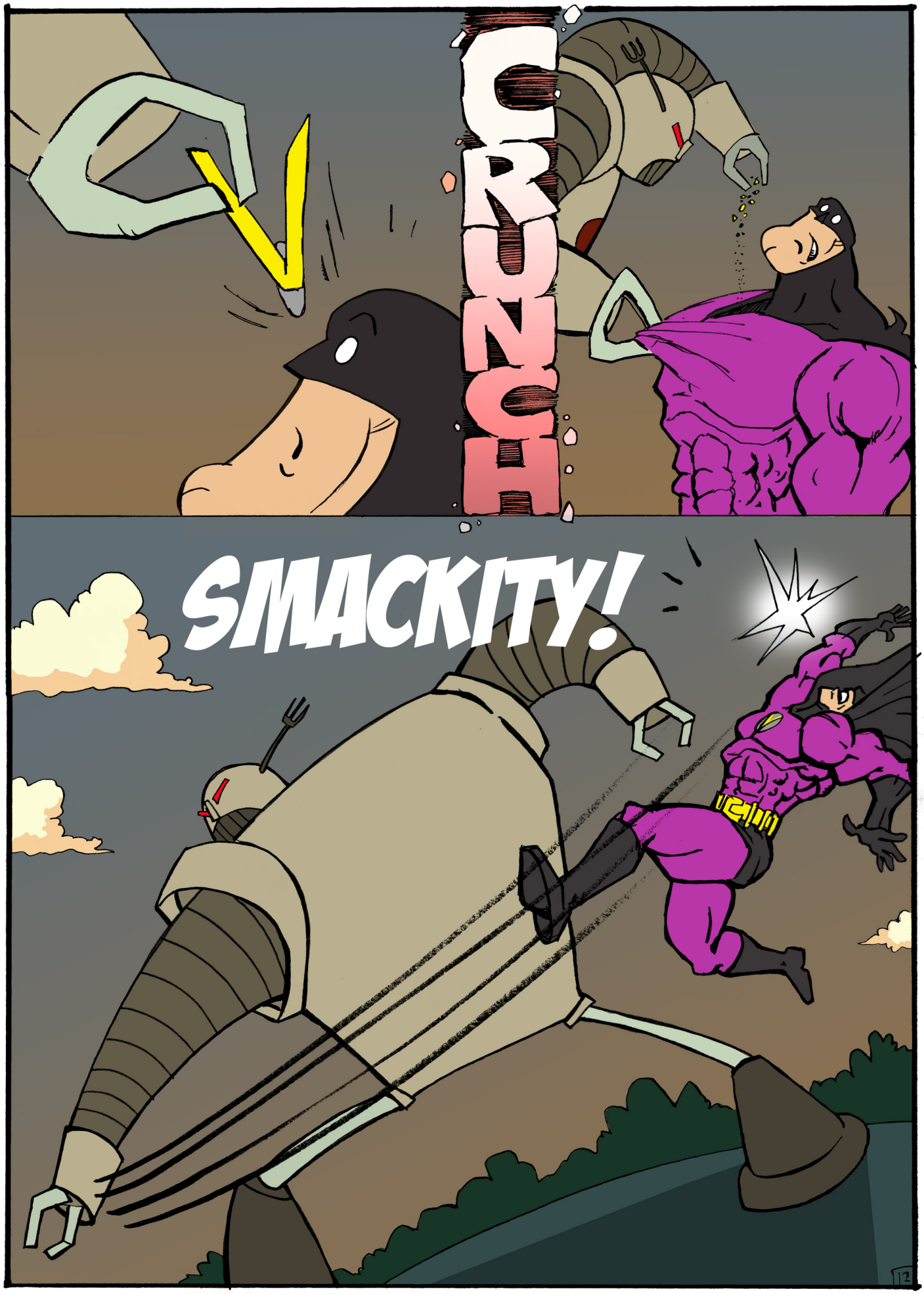
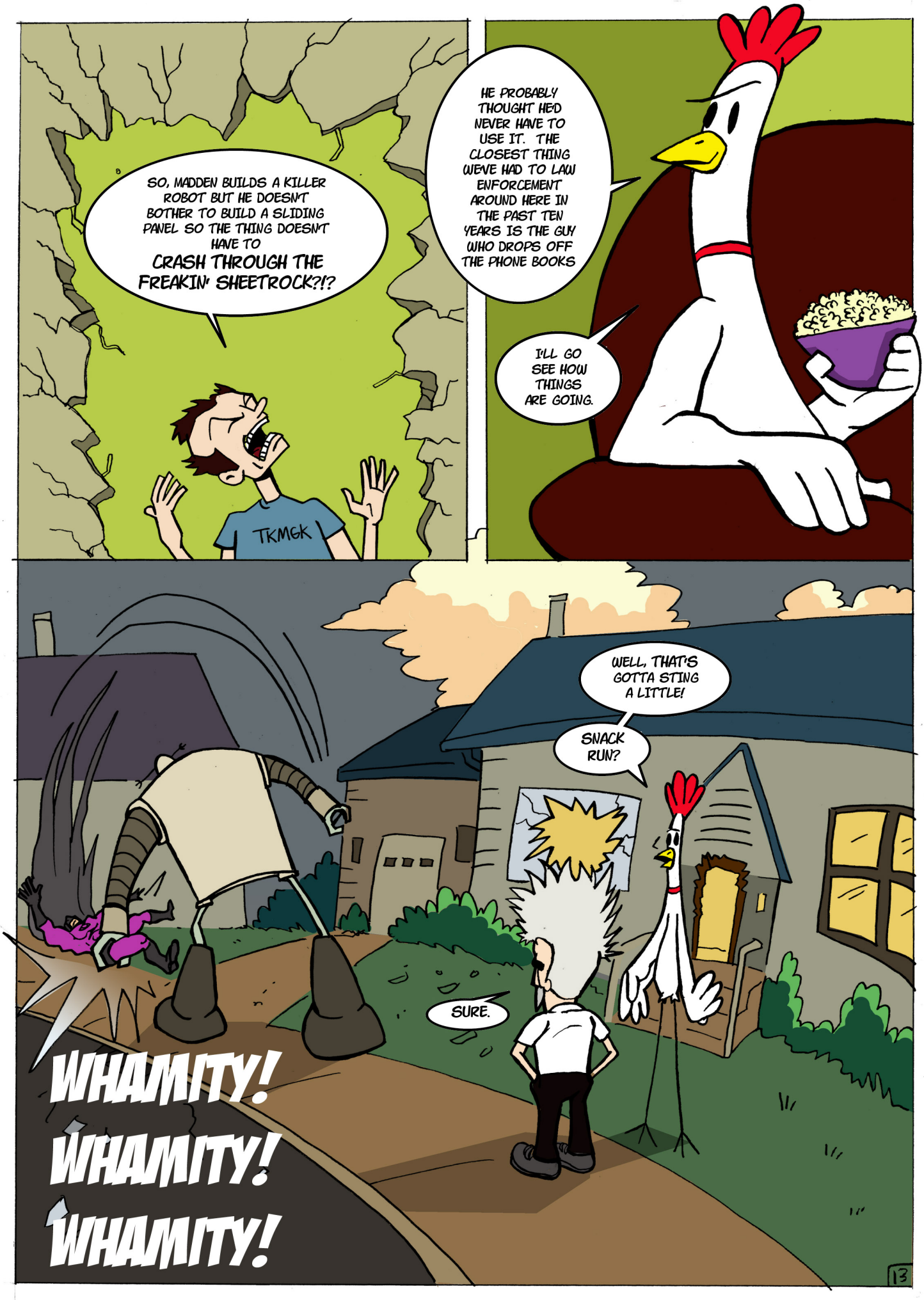

CRUNCH
SMACKITY!


SO, MADDEN BUILDS A KILLER ROBOT BUT HE DOESN'T BOTHER TO BUILD A SLIDING PANEL SO THE THING DOESN'T HAVE TO CRASH THROUGH THE FREAKIN' SHEETROCK?!?
TKMGK
HE PROBABLY THOUGHT HE'D NEVER HAVE TO USE IT. THE CLOSEST THING WE'VE HAD TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AROUND HERE IN THE PAST TEN YEARS IS THE GUY WHO DROPS OFF THE PHONE BOOKS
I'LL GO SEE HOW THINGS ARE GOING.
WELL, THAT'S GOTTA STING A LITTLE!
SNACK RUN?
SURE.
WHAMITY!
WHAMITY!
WHAMITY!
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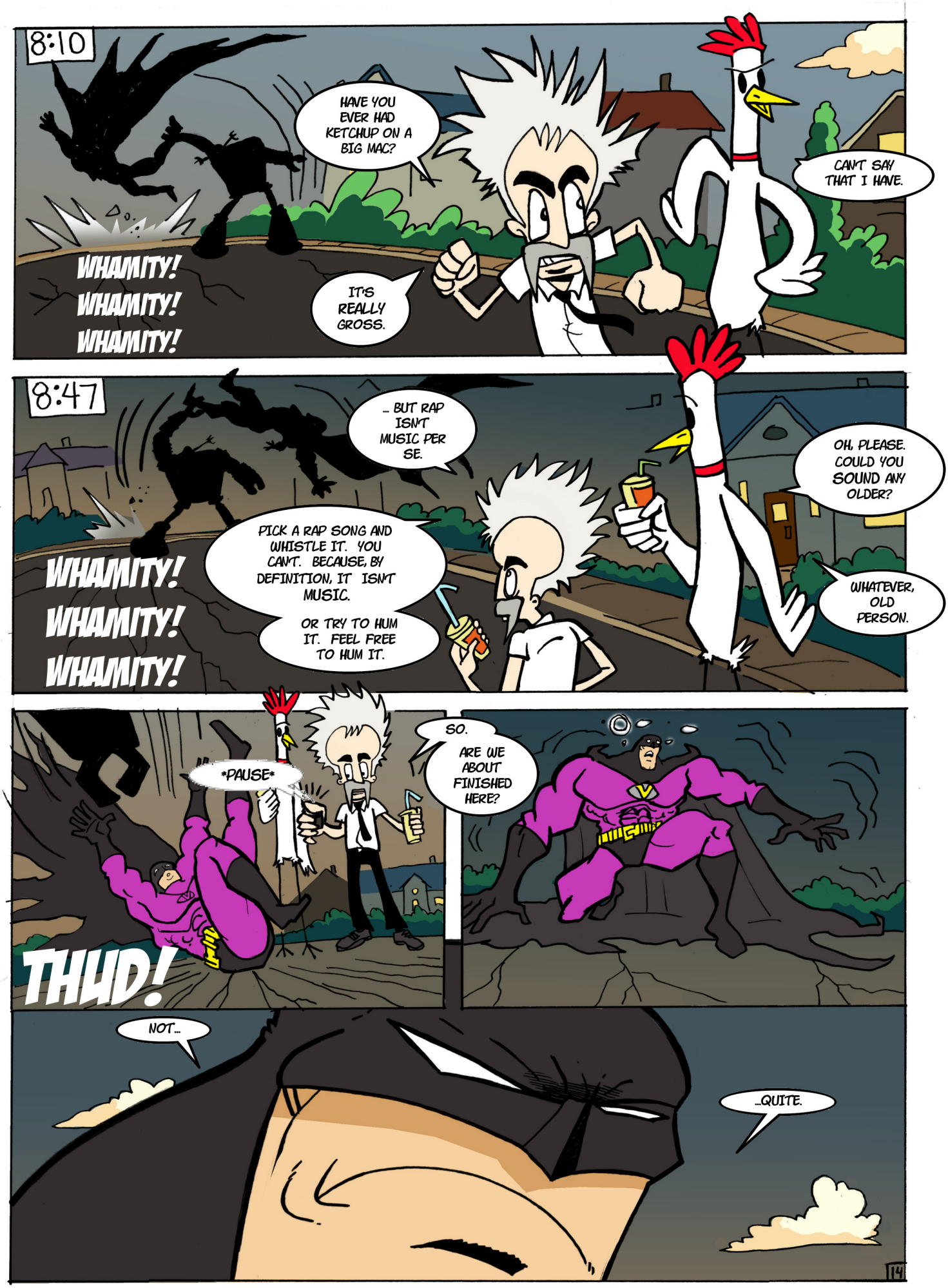
8:10
WHAMITY!
WHAMITY!
WHAMITY!
HAVE YOU EVER HAD KETCHUP ON A BIG MAC?
IT'S REALLY GROSS.
CAN'T SAY THAT I HAVE.
8:47
WHAMITY!
WHAMITY!
WHAMITY!
... BUT RAP ISN'T MUSIC PER SE.
PICK A RAP SONG AND WHISTLE IT. YOU CAN'T. BECAUSE, BY DEFINITION, IT ISN'T MUSIC.
OR TRY TO HUM IT. FEEL FREE TO HUM IT.
OH, PLEASE. COULD YOU SOUND ANY OLDER?
WHATEVER, OLD PERSON.
PAUSE
SO. ARE WE ABOUT FINISHED HERE?
THUD!
NOT...
...QUITE.
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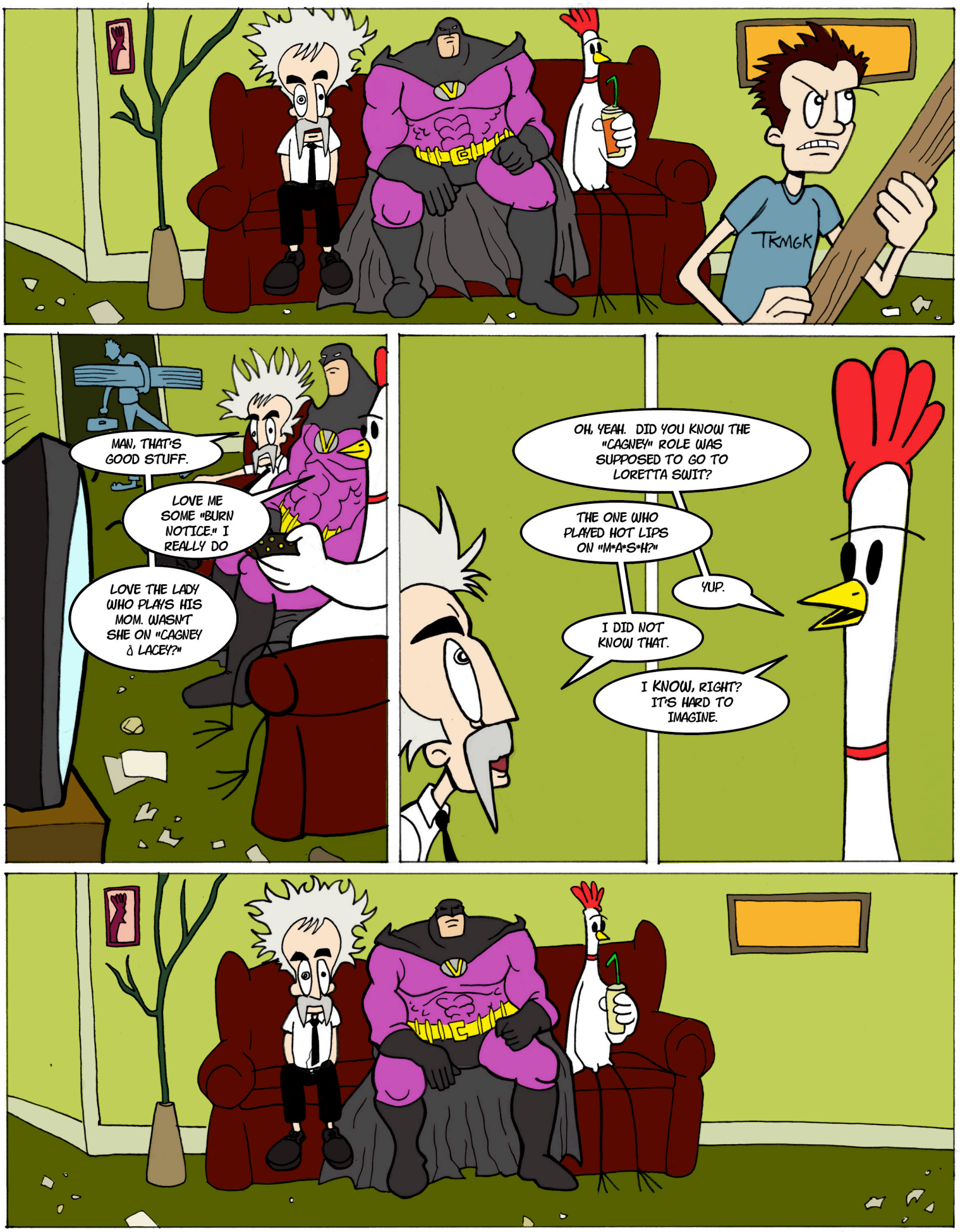
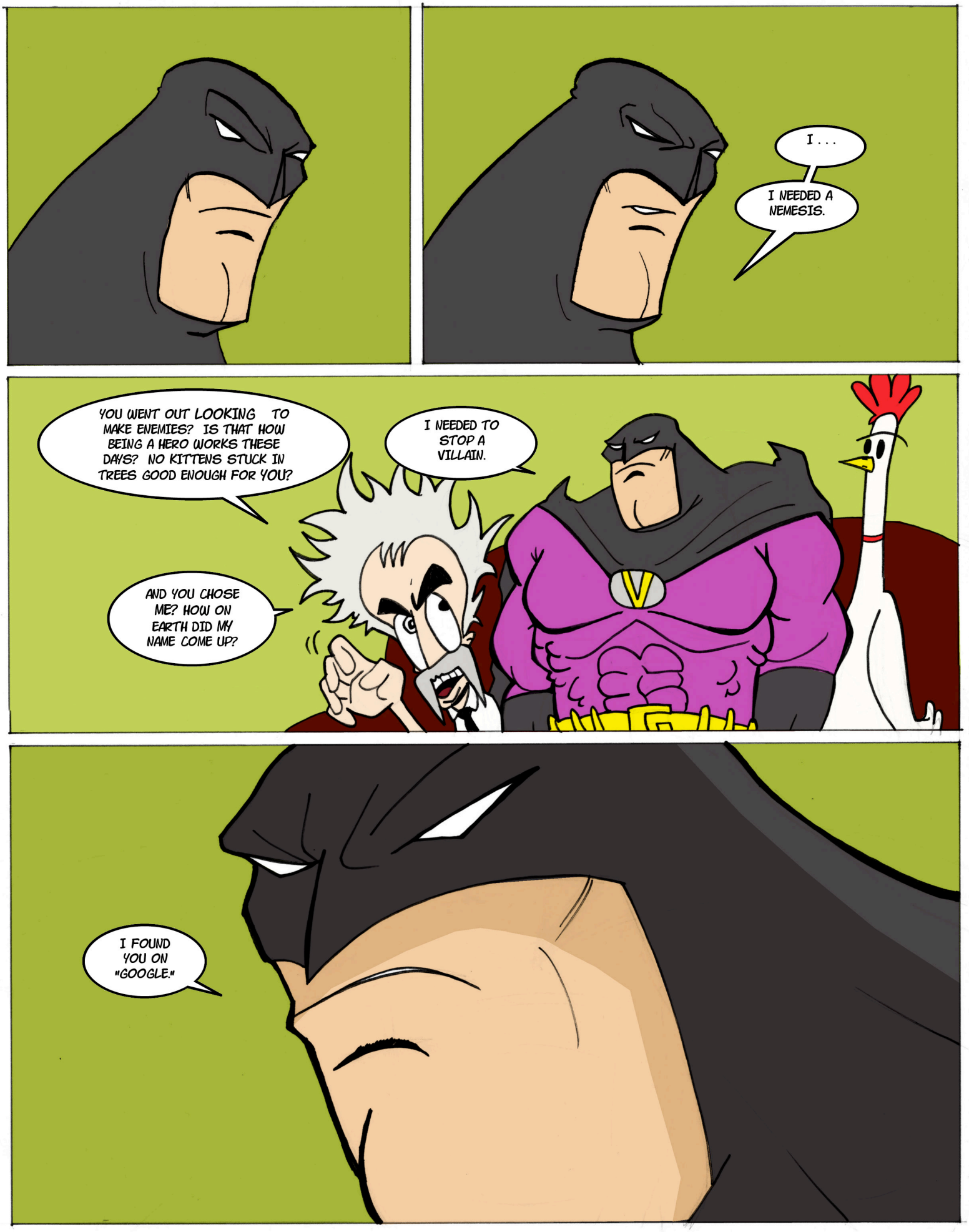
SLAPITY!
DID YOU JUST SLAP MY ROBOT?
SLURPITY!
I DID A BIT MORE THAN THAT!
IS THAT C4?
YUP. SEE THE BLASTING CAP?
WELL - PLAYED.
SHAKA-LAKA
BOOM-BOOM!

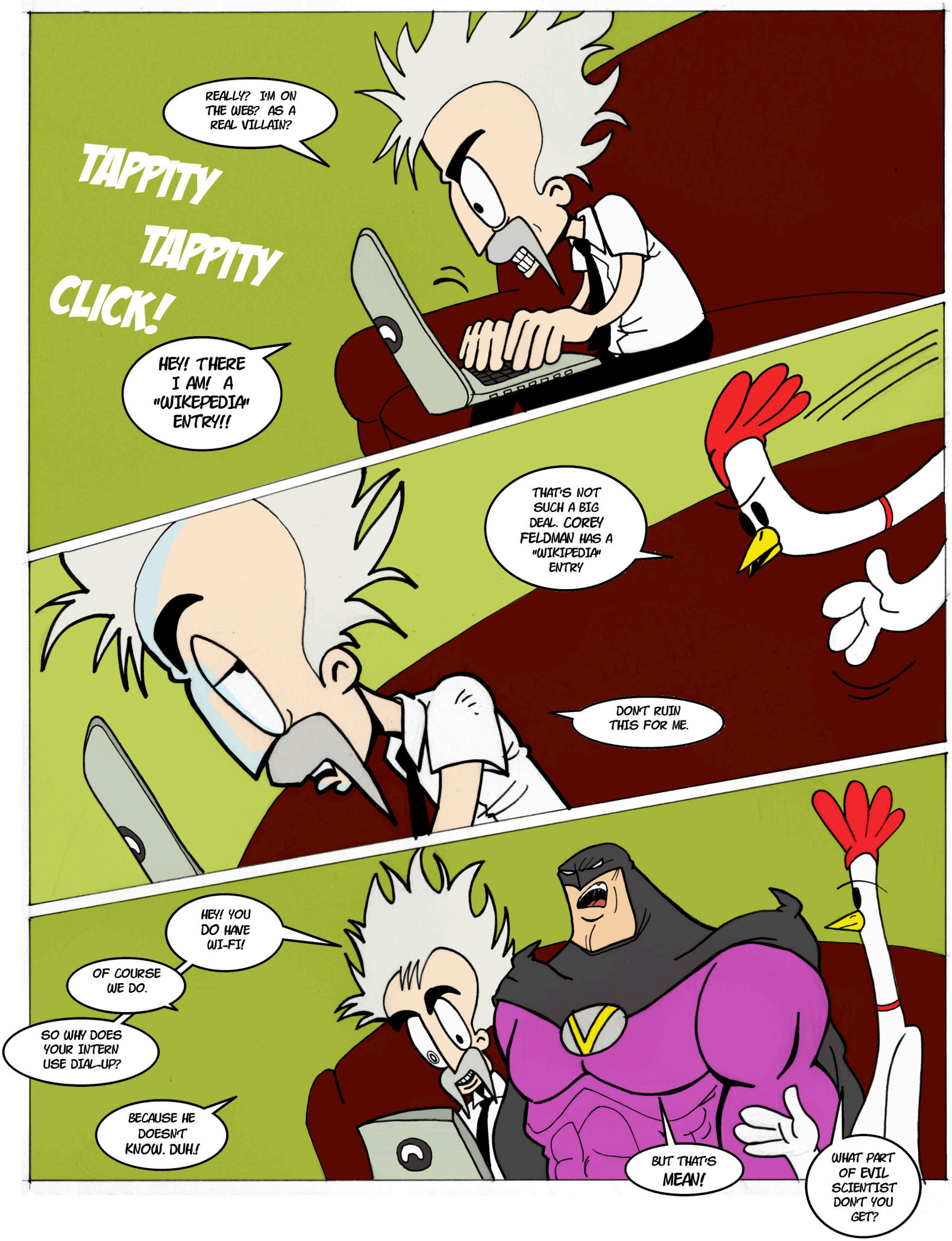
BOOMITY!
IGUANA ST.
BOOMITY!
BOOMITY!
SPLOO!

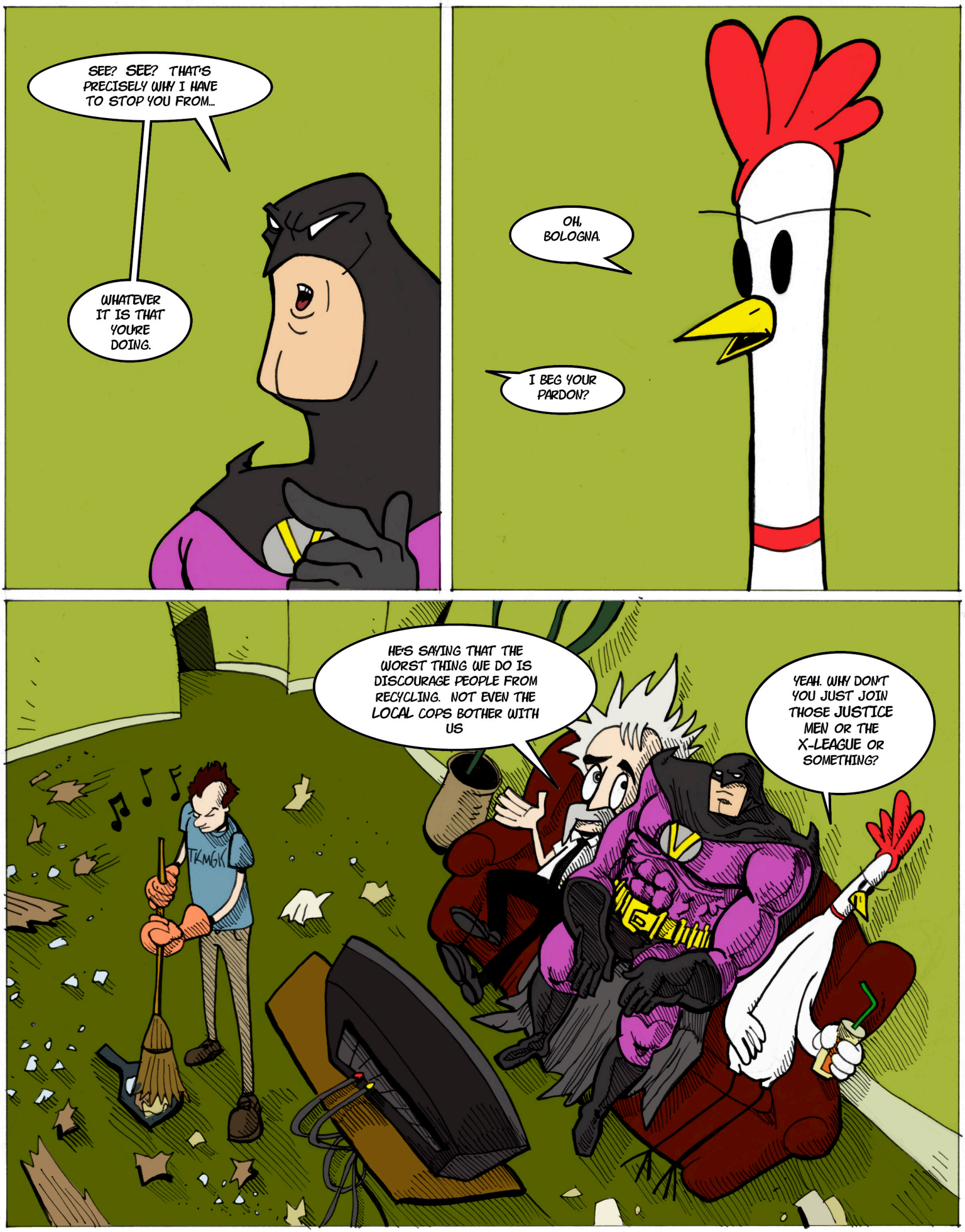
NICE.
THANKS. I'M GOING TO POUND YOU NOW.
I SUPPOSE YOU COULD.
SLURPITY!
OF COURSE, JEMIMA'S INTERNAL DIAGNOSTICS AND REPAIR WILL HAVE HER UP AND RUNNING IN ABOUT 178 SECONDS AND YOU'LL BE GOING AT IT AGAIN. ONLY THIS TIME, I WON'T BE CONSCIOUS TO CALL HER OFF
OR! OR!
WE COULD GO INSIDE AND WATCH "BURN NOTICE".
BUT YOU'RE AN EVIL SCIENTIST.
I HAVE TO STOP YOU.
THAT'S SWEET OF YOU, BUT I HAVEN'T MADE ANY OVERT ACTS TOWARDS WORLD DOMINATION IN YEARS.
AND I'VE GOT "SLIM-JIMS!"


TKMGK
MAN, THAT'S GOOD STUFF.
LOVE ME SOME "BURN NOTICE." I REALLY DO
LOVE THE LADY WHO PLAYS HIS MOM. WASN'T SHE ON "CAGNEY & LACEY?"
OH, YEAH. DID YOU KNOW THE "CAGNEY" ROLE WAS SUPPOSED TO GO TO LORETTA SWIT?
THE ONE WHO PLAYED HOT LIPS ON "M*A*S*H?"
YUP.
I DID NOT KNOW THAT.
I KNOW, RIGHT? IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE.

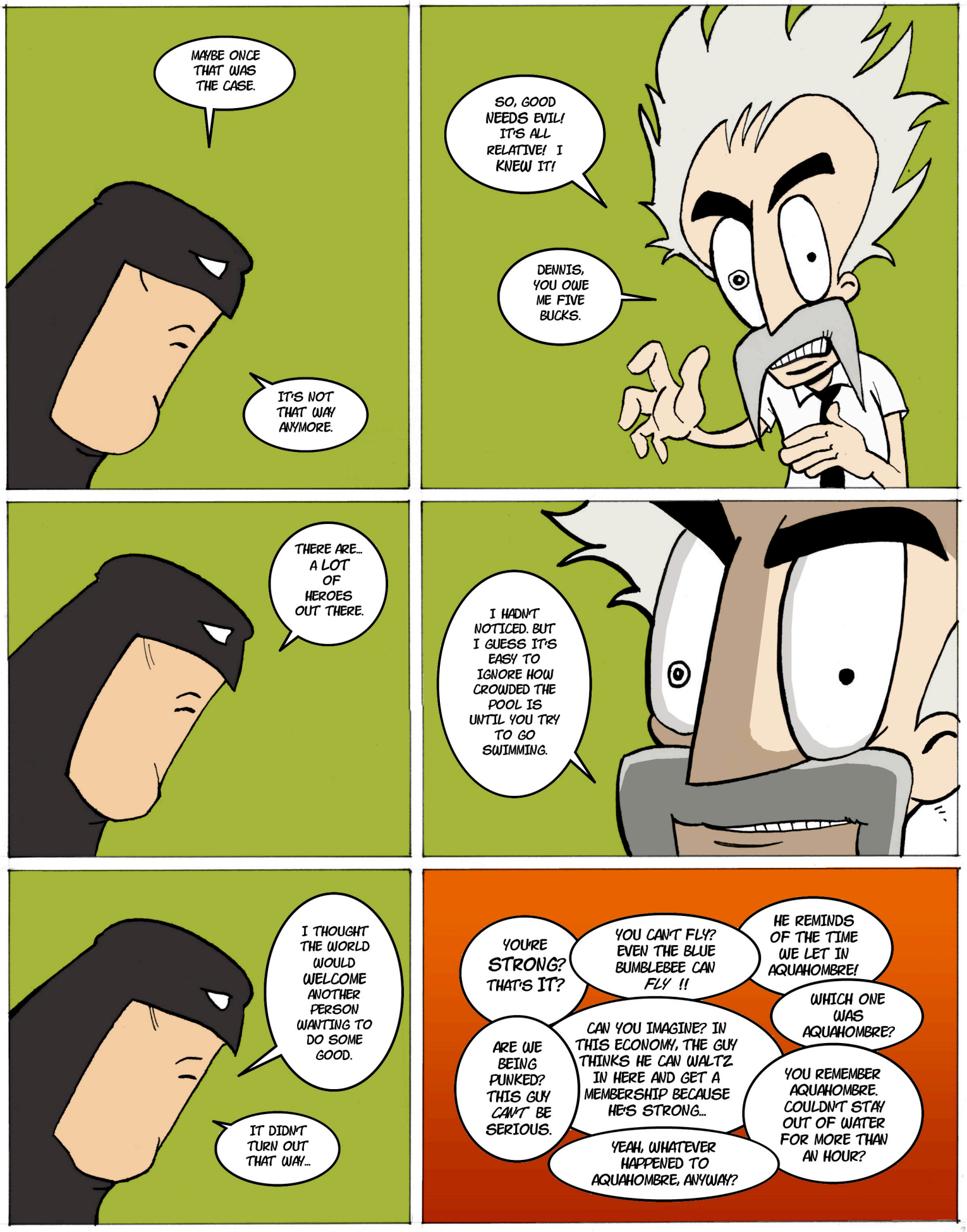
OKAY, HERO PERSON, WHAT'S YOUR BEEF?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
OH, PLEASE.
DO YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT THE WORLD IS IN SUCH PERFECT SHAPE THAT YOU HAVE NOTHING BETTER TO DO THAN BREAK DOWN MY DOOR, POUND YOUR CHEST LIKE A GORILLA AND SMACK AROUND MY UNDERLINGS?
A CRIMINAL IS A CRIMINAL!
I SEE. HOW CHRISTIAN OF YOU. ALL SIN IS THE SAME, IS IT?
SOMETHING LIKE THAT, YES!
WELL, LET'S GET PRACTICAL FOR A MOMENT. IN THE LAST TEN YEARS, THE MOST OVERT ACT I'VE MADE TOWARDS WORLD DOMINATION IS SETTING UP A PROFILE ON "WORLD OF WARCRAFT."
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PROVE BY PICKING ON ME?

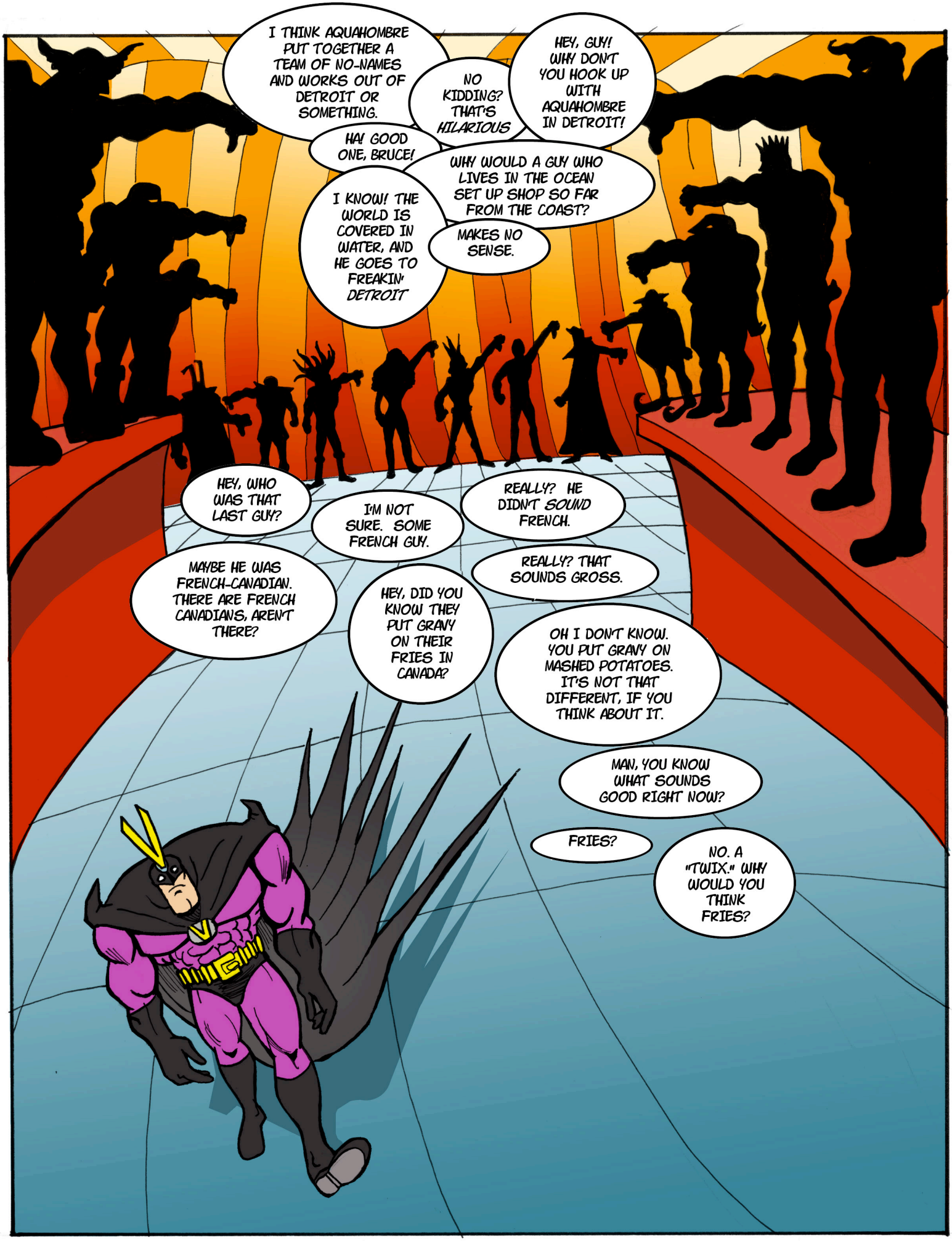

I . . .
I NEEDED A NEMESIS.
YOU WENT OUT LOOKING TO MAKE ENEMIES? IS THAT HOW BEING A HERO WORKS THESE DAYS? NO KITTENS STUCK IN TREES GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU?
I NEEDED TO STOP A VILLAIN.
AND YOU CHOSE ME? HOW ON EARTH DID MY NAME COME UP?
I FOUND YOU ON "GOOGLE."

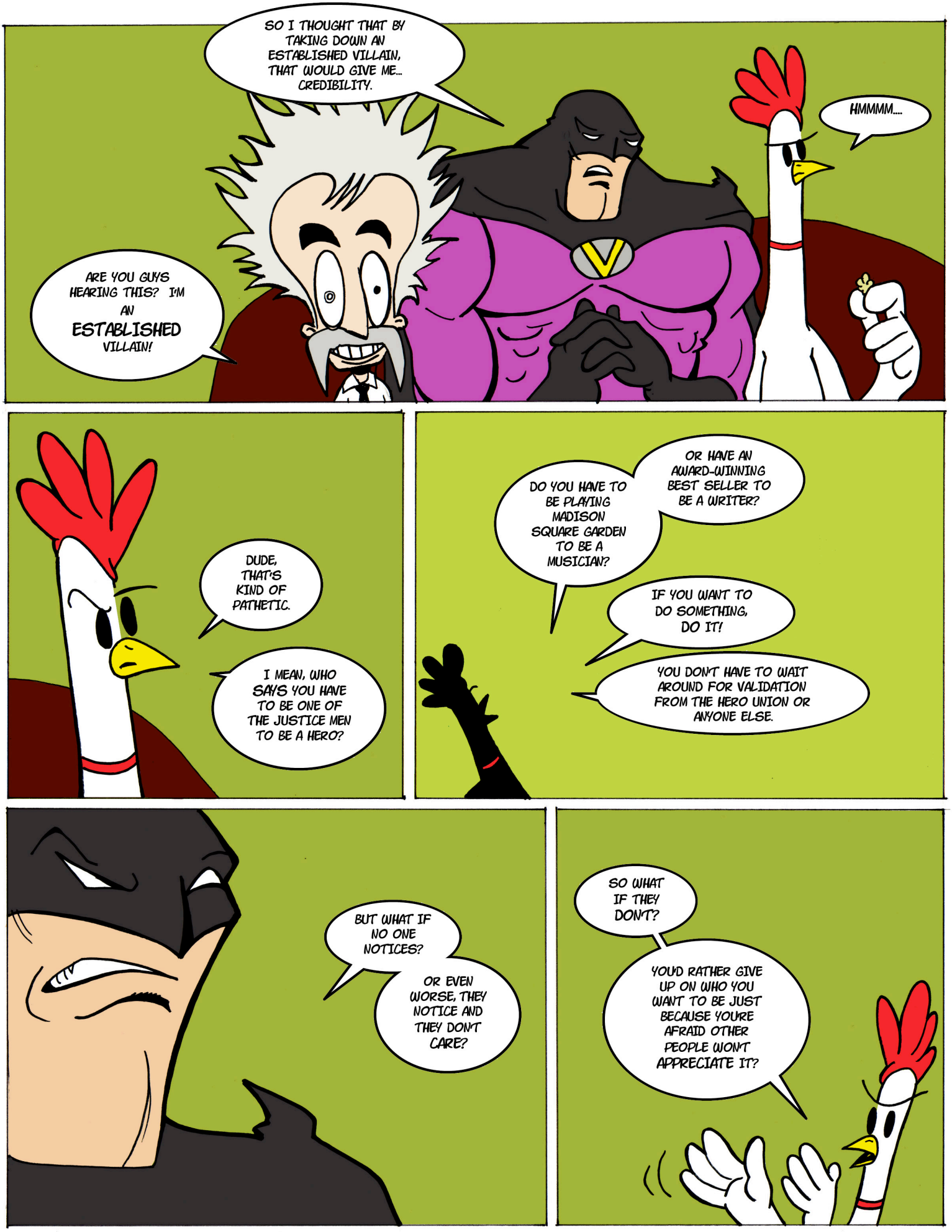

REALLY? I'M ON THE WEB? AS A REAL VILLAIN?
TAPPITY TAPPITY CLICK!
HEY! THERE I AM! A "WIKEPEDIA" ENTRY!!
THAT'S NOT SUCH A BIG DEAL. COREY FELDMAN HAS A "WIKIPEDIA" ENTRY
DON'T RUIN THIS FOR ME.
HEY! YOU DO HAVE WI-FI!
OF COURSE WE DO.
SO WHY DOES YOUR INTERN USE DIAL-UP?
BECAUSE HE DOESN'T KNOW. DUH!
BUT THAT'S MEAN!
WHAT PART OF EVIL SCIENTIST DON'T YOU GET?

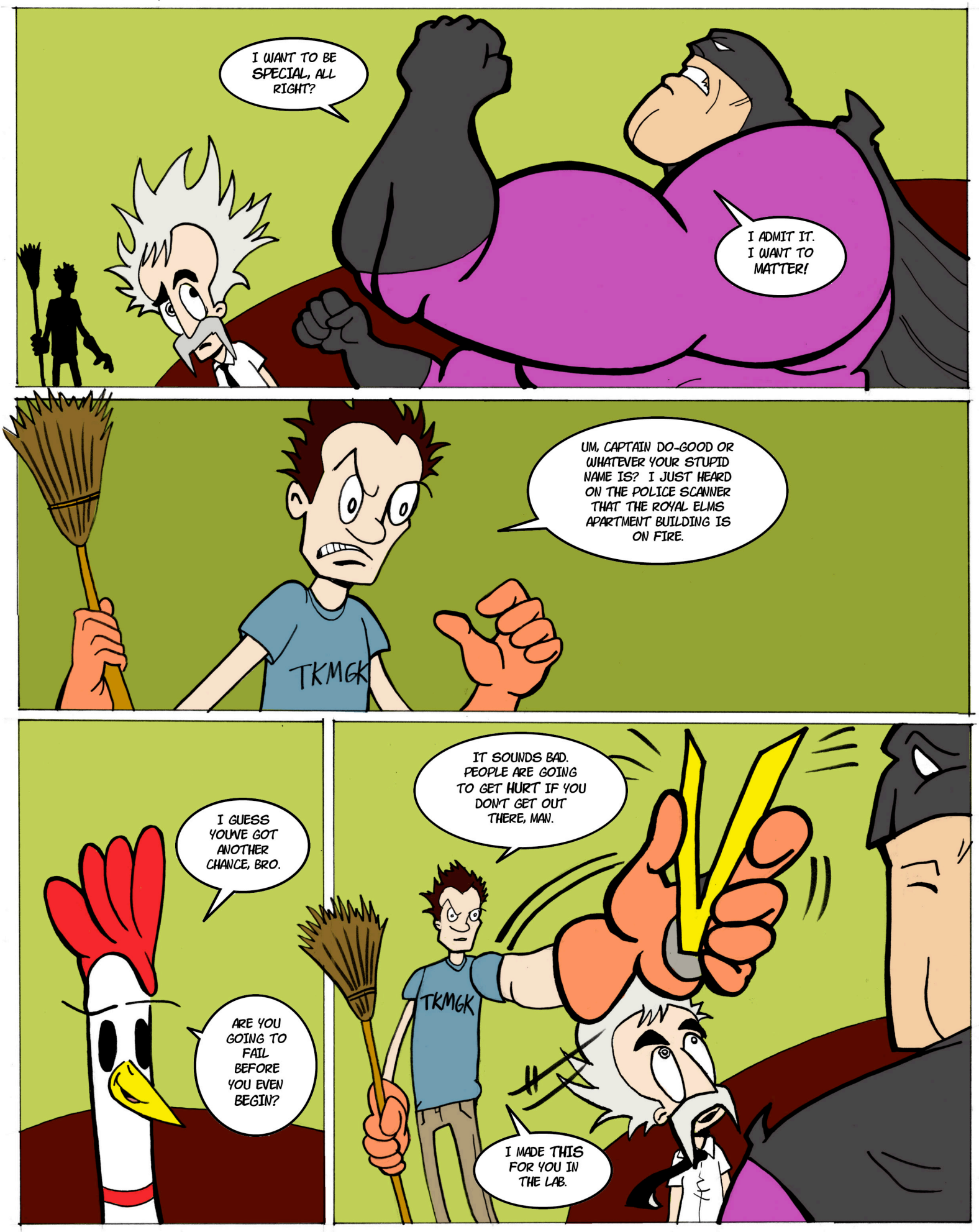

SEE? SEE? THAT'S PRECISELY WHY I HAVE TO STOP YOU FROM...
WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOURE DOING.
OH, BOLOGNA.
I BEG YOUR PARDON?
HE'S SAYING THAT THE WORST THING WE DO IS DISCOURAGE PEOPLE FROM RECYCLING. NOT EVEN THE LOCAL COPS BOTHER WITH US
YEAH. WHY DON'T YOU JUST JOIN THOSE JUSTICE MEN OR THE X-LEAGUE OR SOMETHING?

BECAUSE...
SIGH
... THEY WOULDN'T TAKE ME.
I'M SORRY, BUT WHAT?
THE JUSTICE MEN. THEY WOULDN'T LET ME JOIN, ALRIGHT?
HOW DOES THAT HAPPEN? I THOUGHT IF YOU HAD POWERS AND A WILLINGNESS TO WEAR OUTLANDISH GET-UPS LIKE THAT IN PUBLIC, YOU WERE IN
SERIOUSLY, HOW DOES THAT HAPPEN?


MAYBE ONCE THAT WAS THE CASE.
IT'S NOT THAT WAY ANYMORE.
SO, GOOD NEEDS EVIL! IT'S ALL RELATIVE! I KNEW IT!
DENNIS, YOU OWE ME FIVE BUCKS.
THERE ARE... A LOT OF HEROES OUT THERE.
I HADN'T NOTICED. BUT I GUESS IT'S EASY TO IGNORE HOW CROWDED THE POOL IS UNTIL YOU TRY TO GO SWIMMING.
I THOUGHT THE WORLD WOULD WELCOME ANOTHER PERSON WANTING TO DO SOME GOOD.
IT DIDN'T TURN OUT THAT WAY...
YOU'RE STRONG? THAT'S IT?
YOU CAN'T FLY? EVEN THE BLUE BUMBLEBEE CAN FLY !!
HE REMINDS OF THE TIME WE LET IN AQUAHOMBRE!
WHICH ONE WAS AQUAHOMBRE?
ARE WE BEING PUNKED? THIS GUY CAN'T BE SERIOUS.
CAN YOU IMAGINE? IN THIS ECONOMY, THE GUY THINKS HE CAN WALTZ IN HERE AND GET A MEMBERSHIP BECAUSE HE'S STRONG...
YOU REMEMBER AQUAHOMBRE. COULDN'T STAY OUT OF WATER FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR?
YEAH, WHATEVER HAPPENED TO AQUAHOMBRE, ANYWAY?

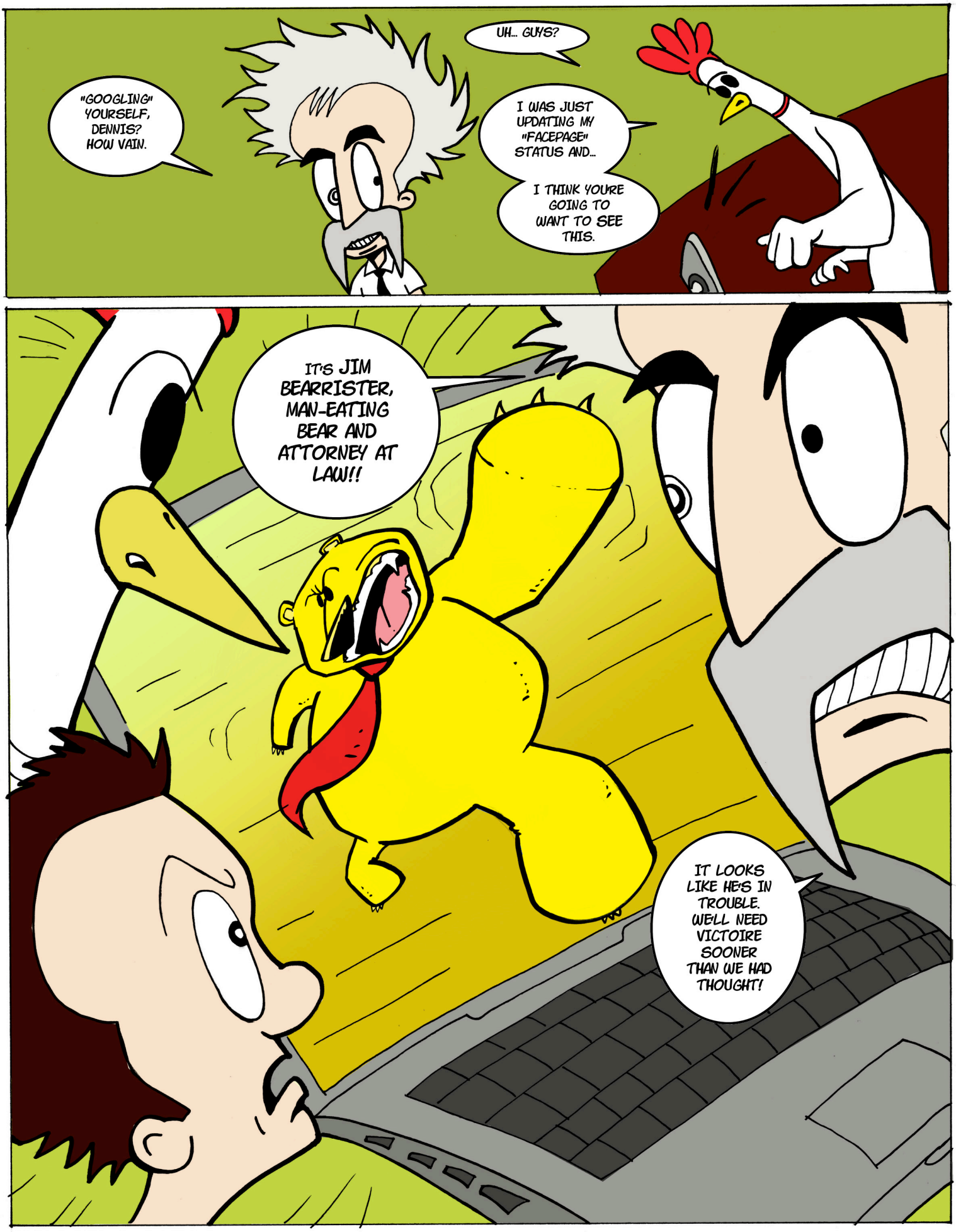

I THINK AQUAHOMBRE PUT TOGETHER A TEAM OF NO-NAMES AND WORKS OUT OF DETROIT OR SOMETHING.
NO KIDDING? THAT'S HILARIOUS
HEY, GUY! WHY DON'T YOU HOOK UP WITH AQUAHOMBRE IN DETROIT!
HA! GOOD ONE, BRUCE!
WHY WOULD A GUY WHO LIVES IN THE OCEAN SET UP SHOP SO FAR FROM THE COAST?
I KNOW! THE WORLD IS COVERED IN WATER, AND HE GOES TO FREAKIN' DETROIT
MAKES NO SENSE.
HEY, WHO WAS THAT LAST GUY?
I'M NOT SURE. SOME FRENCH GUY.
REALLY? HE DIDN'T SOUND FRENCH.
MAYBE HE WAS FRENCH-CANADIAN. THERE ARE FRENCH CANADIANS, AREN'T THERE?
HEY, DID YOU KNOW THEY PUT GRAVY ON THEIR FRIES IN CANADA?
REALLY? THAT SOUNDS GROSS.
OH I DON'T KNOW. YOU PUT GRAVY ON MASHED POTATOES. IT'S NOT THAT DIFFERENT, IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT.
MAN, YOU KNOW WHAT SOUNDS GOOD RIGHT NOW?
FRIES?
NO. A "TWIX." WHY WOULD YOU THINK FRIES?


SO I THOUGHT THAT BY TAKING DOWN AN ESTABLISHED VILLAIN, THAT WOULD GIVE ME... CREDIBILITY.
HMMMM....
ARE YOU GUYS HEARING THIS? I'M AN ESTABLISHED VILLAIN!
DUDE, THAT'S KIND OF PATHETIC.
I MEAN, WHO SAYS YOU HAVE TO BE ONE OF THE JUSTICE MEN TO BE A HERO?
DO YOU HAVE TO BE PLAYING MADISON SQUARE GARDEN TO BE A MUSICIAN?
OR HAVE AN AWARD-WINNING BEST SELLER TO BE A WRITER?
IF YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING, DO IT!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT AROUND FOR VALIDATION FROM THE HERO UNION OR ANYONE ELSE.
BUT WHAT IF NO ONE NOTICES?
OR EVEN WORSE, THEY NOTICE AND THEY DON'T CARE?
SO WHAT IF THEY DON'T?
YOU'D RATHER GIVE UP ON WHO YOU WANT TO BE JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE AFRAID OTHER PEOPLE WON'T APPRECIATE IT?


I WANT TO BE SPECIAL, ALL RIGHT?
I ADMIT IT. I WANT TO MATTER!
UM, CAPTAIN DO-GOOD OR WHATEVER YOUR STUPID NAME IS? I JUST HEARD ON THE POLICE SCANNER THAT THE ROYAL ELMS APARTMENT BUILDING IS ON FIRE.
TKMGK
I GUESS YOUVE GOT ANOTHER CHANCE, BRO.
ARE YOU GOING TO FAIL BEFORE YOU EVEN BEGIN?
IT SOUNDS BAD. PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GET HURT IF YOU DONT GET OUT THERE, MAN.
TKMGK
I MADE THIS FOR YOU IN THE LAB.

YOU MAY NOT BE SPECIAL, VIC. MOST OF US ARE NEVER GOING TO BE SPECIAL.
BUT WE CAN ALL BE RELEVANT.
TKMGK

ROY?
YES?
DID YOU HAPPEN TO PUT A TRACKER IN THAT REPLACEMENT "V" YOU JUST GAVE HIM?
TKMGK
THAT, AND THEN SOME.
I FIGURED THE BIG GOOBER MIGHT NEED A LITTLE TECH SUPPORT OUT THERE
KMGK


"GOOGLING" YOURSELF, DENNIS? HOW VAIN.
UH... GUYS?
I WAS JUST UPDATING MY "FACEPAGE" STATUS AND...
I THINK YOURE GOING TO WANT TO SEE THIS.
IT'S JIM BEARRISTER, MAN-EATING BEAR AND ATTORNEY AT LAW!!
IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S IN TROUBLE. WE'LL NEED VICTOIRE SOONER THAN WE HAD THOUGHT!

TO BE CONTINUED...